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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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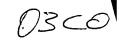
• An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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Sir:

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted dated December 26, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 26, 2002.

In response, applicants now submit an abstract of the technical disclosure as required under 37 CFR §1.72(b).

Applicants believe that no fee is required. If a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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